WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An information processing apparatus for processing information written in a language which can describe design of a window to be displayed by a

5 browser, comprising:

reception means for receiving first list data transmitted from another apparatus connected through a network; and

storage means for storing a function expansion

10 program for the browser, said function expansion program including acquisition unit adapted to acquire second list data and creation unit adapted to create the information for causing the browser to display a window based on the second list data acquired by the

15 acquisition unit and the first list data received by said reception means.

2.   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the function expansion program for the browser further comprises computation unit adapted to perform a

20 set operation between the second list data acquired by the acquisition means and the first list data received by said reception means, and

the creation unit creates on the basis of an operation result obtained by the computation unit.

25 3.   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus can be connected to at least one printing apparatus through a network, and

the acquisition means acquires the second list

data on the basis of information obtained from at least

one of an operating system and control software for the

printing apparatus.

5   4.   The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the

function expansion program for the browser further

comprises second information creation means for

creating the information for causing the browser to

display an input window for various conditions for

10   printing processing executed by the printing apparatus

on the basis of the first and second list data.

5.   The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein each

of the first list data and the second list data lists

at least one of information about a model of the

15   printing apparatus, information about a paper size for

printing by the printing apparatus, information about a

paper type for printing by the printing apparatus, and

information about a layout for printing by the printing

apparatus.

20   6.   An information providing apparatus connected to a

client apparatus through a network, comprising:

storage means for storing first list data to be

used by a function expansion program for a browser in

the client apparatus which stores the second list data;

25   and

transmission means for transmitting, through a

network, at least one of information written in a

language which can describe design of a window to be
displayed by the browser and the first list data stored
in said storage means in accordance with a request from
the client apparatus.

5   7.   The apparatus according to claim 6, further
comprising

     second storage means for storing image data;

     reception means for receiving input information
input in accordance with a window displayed by the

10   browser in the client apparatus which can be connected
to at least one printing apparatus through a network,
and

     second transmission means for transmitting the
image data to the client apparatus on the basis of the

15   input information received by said reception means.

     8.   The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein each
of the first list data, the second list data, and third
list data lists at least one of information about a
model of the printing apparatus, information about a

20   paper size for printing by the printing apparatus,
information about a paper type for printing by the
printing apparatus, and information about a layout for
printing by the printing apparatus.

     9.   An information processing system in which an

25   information providing apparatus and an information
processing apparatus can communicate with each other
through a network, wherein

the information providing apparatus comprises

first storage means for storing first list data,
and

transmission means for transmitting the first

5   list data stored in the first storage means in

accordance with a request from the information

processing apparatus, and

the information processing apparatus comprises

second storage means for storing a function expansion

10 program for the browser, said function expansion

program including acquisition unit adapted to acquire

second list data and creation unit adapted to create

the information for causing the browser to display a

window based on the second list data acquired by the

15 acquisition unit and the first list data received by

said reception means.

10.   An information processing method in an

information processing apparatus which processes

information written in a language which can describe

20 design of a window to be displayed by a browser and

stores second list data, comprising:

a reception step of receiving first list data

transmitted from another apparatus connected through a

network;

25   an acquisition step of acquiring the second list

data according to a function expansion program for the

browser;

a creation step of creating information for causing the browser to display a window based on the second list data acquired in the acquisition step and the first list data received in the reception step.

5　11.　A program causing a computer to execute an in processing method defined in claim 10.

12.　A computer-readable recording medium storing a program defined in claim 11.

13.　A function expansion program for causing a

10　computer to process information written in a language which can describe design of a window to be displayed by a browser, wherein the program causes the computer to execute:

a procedure for acquiring first list data

15　transmitted from another apparatus connected through a network;

a procedure for acquiring second list data from the computer; and

a procedure for creating information for causing

20　the browser to display a window based on　the first list data and the second list data.

14.　A computer-readable recording medium storing a function expansion program defined in claim 13.